

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 110-118 and 130-143, and also thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephonic interview of August 13, 2010.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that although the Notice of Allowability mailed August 23, 2010, indicates acknowledgment of Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f), the Notice did not acknowledge receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. According to the application file wrapper in PAIR, a certified copy of the priority document was received by the Office on December 15, 2003. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests to receive acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. A separate paper requesting acknowledgment thereof by the Examiner is submitted herewith.

By this Amendment, the specification has been amended to incorporate by reference, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(a)(5) and § 1.52(e), the computer program appendix submitted via compact disc on even date herewith, as requested by the Examiner. The specification has also been amended to correct an apparent typographical error in the reference to French priority application amended in the Examiner's Amendment of August 23, 2010. In particular, the French priority application number has been amended herein from "FR 02/096690" to --FR 02/09690--.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the specification presented herein provide for the proper disclosure and protection of Applicant's invention, and entry of this Amendment requires only minimal work on the part of the Office. Furthermore, the amendments herein embody mere clarifications, and do not change the scope of the allowed claims. Further, as the need for this Amendment was not discovered

until after Applicant's receipt of the Examiner's Amendment of August 23, 2010, the Amendment could not have been made earlier. MPEP § 714.16.

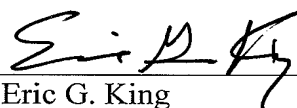
Applicant therefore respectfully requests entry of this Amendment under the provisions of Rule 312.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2147-908626) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account.

If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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